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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 22, 23, 24, and cancel claims 9, 21 as noted below.

1. (Currently amended) A system for dynamically extending application preference classes comprising:

a first executable application including one or more functions that are registered in a registry component; [and]

an extension component that reads function data from the registry component and binds a second executable application to the first executable application, wherein second application preference class declarations are bound to the functions provided by the first executable application, and

a constant accessor that enables actions and conditions to relate information across different domains, to at least one of resolve and link values associated with a bind of the first executable application and the second executable application.

2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the registry component comprises a definition registry for storing function definitions and a binding registry for storing binding data.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the functions provide conditions.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the functions provide events.

5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the functions provide accessors.

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein functions are only available for binding to specific applications.

7. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein the binding registry receives function binding information from an extension data file (EDF).

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8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein [the] binding is broken upon removal of [the] function providing application.
9. (Cancelled.)
10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 [9], wherein the constant accessor is a first order constant accessor.
11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1 [9], wherein the constant accessor is an Nth order constant accessor.
12. (Currently amended) A method for extending application preference class functionality comprising:
- receiving an extension data file (EDF) containing information about candidate function bindings;
 - registering one or more function bindings in a central data store; [and]
 - binding a function of a first executable application to a preference class of a second executable application utilizing binding function information located in the central data store, and
 - resolving a value for a constant accessor across a plurality of domains.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising applying acceptance logic to determine whether the second application will accept the binding.
14. (Original) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for carrying out the method of claim 12.

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15. (Currently amended) A method of uninstalling an application comprising:
breaking a dependency that is created in part via a constant accessor;
removing all application registrations from central storage location;
removing program components; and
notifying dependant applications
16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the central storage location is an instance registry.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the instance registry comprises a definition registry and a binding registry.
18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein removing registrations comprises removing registrations in the definition registry and the binding registry.
19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the notifying dependant applications causes dependant applications to place their dependencies in a NotAvailable state.
20. (Original) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for carrying out the method of claim 15.
21. (Cancelled.)
22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15 [21], wherein the constant accessor is a first order constant accessor.
23. (Currently amended) The method of claim 15 [21], wherein the constant accessor is an Nth order constant accessor.
24. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer executable instructions for carrying out the method of claim 15 [21].